

ACORN

2004 Zinfandel

Heritage Vines™

Alegría Vineyards

Russian River Valley

At Acorn Winery our passion is traditional field-blend and vineyard-blend wines. Our food-friendly wines fully express the fruit characteristics of the diverse grape varieties we grow at our Alegría Vineyards in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley.

Betsy and Bill Nachbaur

Gold Medal Winner

Orange County Fair Wine Competition

Winemaking Notes

The oldest vines in our Alegría Vineyards were planted in 1890. The vineyard is a "field blend", where (as was the traditional practice in the 19th century) complementary varieties are planted side-by-side, then harvested and fermented together. The mix of varieties evolved over more than 100 years to produce a complete, smooth, and very complex wine. We are the fortunate custodians of this legacy.

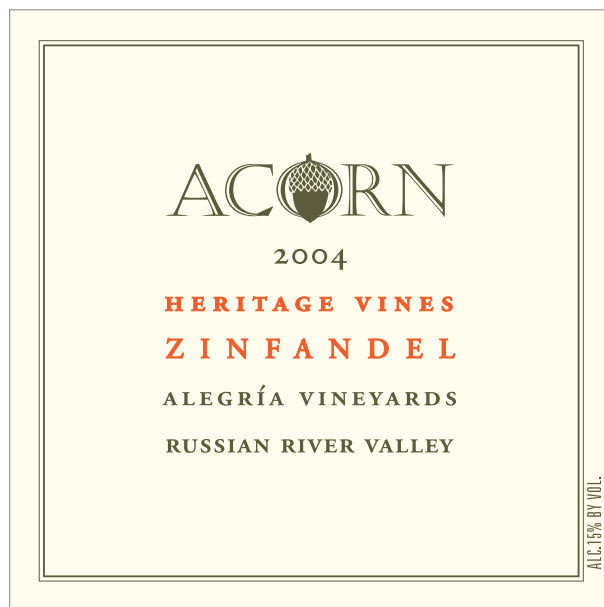
In 2004, frost at bud break severely reduced the crop, so our yield was only one ton an acre. The vines concentrated their efforts into fewer grapes than normal, providing full rich flavors and a relatively early harvest.

We fermented the grapes in several lots using four different types of yeast, and using a submerged cap technique on some of the lots. The wine was aged for 17 months in a carefully selected combination of old and new American, French, and Hungarian oak barrels.

This impeccably balanced and deliciously smooth wine is a tribute to our ancient vines and to our consulting winemaker, Alison Green Doran.

Tasting Notes

This luscious and complex Zinfandel is a perfect marriage of fruit, creamy oak, and crisp acid. Enticing aromas of ripe berries and rich cocoa merge with robust, full-bodied flavors. Layers of fresh plum and plump blackberry blend with hints of mocha and blueberry, sustaining through to the long finish.



Composition

78% Zinfandel, 10% Alicante Bouschet, 10% Petite Sirah. The remaining 2% of the field blend includes Carignane, Trousseau, Sangiovese, Petit Bouschet, Negrette, Syrah, Muscat Noir, Cinsaut, & Grenache. The grape varieties are interplanted, harvested, and fermented together.

Vintage	2004
Appellation	Russian River Valley
Vineyard Designation	Alegría Vineyards
Harvest Dates	Sept. 17 & 29 & Oct. 6, 2004
Brix (average)	26.8° Brix
Barrel Aging	17 months
Type of Oak	50% American, 34% French 16% Hungarian, 70% new barrels
Bottled	March 27, 2006
Case Production	657
Alcohol	15%
pH	3.9
T.A.	0.67g/100ml
Release Date	Summer 2006

